

2005 Assembly Bill 851

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# 2005 WISCONSIN ACT 329

AN ACT *to create* 349.26 of the statutes; **relating to:** allowing a city, town, or village to allow persons to operate a neighborhood electric vehicle on local highways.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** 349.26 of the statutes is created to read:

**349.26 Authority to allow the operation of neighborhood electric vehicles.** (1) In this section, “neighborhood electric vehicle” means a self-propelled motor vehicle that has successfully completed the neighborhood electric vehicle America test program conducted by the federal department of energy, and that conforms to the definition and requirements for low-speed vehicles as adopted in the federal motor vehicle safety standards for low-speed vehicles under 49 CFR 571.3 (b) and 571.500.

“Neighborhood electric vehicle” does not include a golf cart.

(2) The governing body of any city, town, or village may by ordinance allow the use of a neighborhood electric vehicle on a roadway that has a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less and over which the governing body has jurisdiction. A city, town, or village that passes an ordinance under this section shall enter into an agreement with, or obtain the consent of, each governing body that shares jurisdiction over a roadway within the city, town, or village, to permit neighborhood electric vehicles to use or cross the roadway. An ordinance passed under this section may contain a provision for the city, town, or village to license neighborhood electric vehicles that are used within the city, town, or village limits.

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\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2003–04 : Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated” by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].